
SENATE BILL No. 471

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-1-9-6.9.

Synopsis: Prescribing psychotropic medication for children. Requires a physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant to follow the most recent guidelines adopted by the American Academy of Pediatrics for the diagnosis and evaluation of a child with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) before prescribing a psychotropic drug for a child for the treatment of ADHD. Provides that a physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant is subject to discipline by the board that regulates the practitioner's profession for violation of this requirement.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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January 22, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-1-9-6.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2001]: **Sec. 6.9. (a) This section applies to a practitioner who is:**
4 **(1) licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine**
5 **under IC 25-22.5;**
6 **(2) licensed as an advanced practice nurse under IC 25-23; or**
7 **(3) certified as a physician assistant under IC 25-27.5.**
8 **(b) Before prescribing a psychotropic medication for a child for**
9 **the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, a**
10 **practitioner described in subsection (a) shall follow the most recent**
11 **guidelines adopted by the American Academy of Pediatrics for the**
12 **diagnosis and evaluation of a child with attention deficit**
13 **hyperactivity disorder.**
14 **(c) In addition to the actions listed under section 4 of this**
15 **chapter that subject a practitioner to the exercise of disciplinary**
16 **sanctions, a practitioner described in subsection (a) is subject to the**
17 **exercise of disciplinary sanctions under section 9 of this chapter if,**



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1 **after a hearing, the board regulating the practitioner's profession**
2 **finds that the practitioner has violated subsection (b).**

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